

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

April 2018



Next Sped Director Call:

April 17, 2018—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- Paraprofessional Certification
- ECF
- FFY 16 SPP/APR Results

STAFF:

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Vacant, Program Specialist

[Kristin Jerome](#), Secretary

Sped Program Highlights

Job Posting: Special Ed Programs has posted the position for Implementation Specialist 1 focusing on the state systemic improvement plan (SSIP). If interested it is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/yam2egu5>

Federal Program Highlights

Through a collaborative effort, the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the CEEDAR Center developed the **High-Leverage Practices in Special Education** to help special educators learn to use effective practices in their classrooms. The High Leverage Practices (HLPs) defined in this document are organized into four overlapping domains: collaboration, assessment, social/emotional and behavioral support, and instruction. To illustrate how HLPs relate to evidence-based practices and are contextualized within a multi-tiered prevention system, the CEEDAR Center released a companion brief **High-Leverage Practices and Evidence-Based Practices: A Promising Pair**. Stay tuned for additional information and resources related to HLPs.

DOE Program Highlights

New standards approved. Last week, the Board of Education Standards approved new academic standards in several content areas, including English language arts and mathematics. These two sets of standards will be rolled out over the course of the next several years with the expectation that schools will teach to the new ELA standards in SY 2019-20 and to the new math standards in SY 2020-21. The other content areas for which new standards were adopted include health education, Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards, and these CTE clusters: business management and administration, capstone courses, government and public administration, hospitality and tourism, marketing, and transportation/distribution/logistics. Visit the [board's webpage](#) for more information.

Mentoring program applications available. The Statewide Mentoring Program provides first-year teachers with access to mentor-teachers for a period of two years. The program is delivered through a combination of face-to-face and distance opportunities. Applications for new mentors are due May 1, and applications for new teachers are due June 15. Late hires will also have an opportunity to participate. To learn more, visit the [Statewide Mentoring Program website](#). This effort is a result of the 2016 Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students.

“Tell me and I forget, Teach
me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

What, When, Why? – Legal Issues and Practical Tips on IDEA’s Prior Written Notice Requirement

Webinar - May 10th, 2018 - 2:30 to 4:30PM CT

This session will review the what, when, and why’s of the law, including the required contents of the notice forms, the “triggers” for the requirement, common problem areas that can arise, frequently asked questions, the situations when a PWN failure can rise to the level of a denial of FAPE, and relevant case law on PWN. Practical strategies and tips to quickly and accurately complete PWN forms will also be explored.

Catch the Wave Events

4/18/18—LATI—Watertown

Registration for the Multi-tiered System of Supports Summer Education Conference is now open!

Please see attached flyer for full conference details. Open to all general and special education staff and administrators. Grad credit and CEUs available

June 20: John Hattie associate Kristin R. Anderson – what does and doesn’t make a significant difference in student achievement.

June 21: Heather Robbins— school-wide systems and behavior strategies for struggling students.

Top 20 Training –FREE!

Rapid City July 30-31, 2018

Sioux Falls August 1-2, 2018

Grad credit and CEUs available

See attached flyer for more information

Contact Becky Cain at 280-3568 with questions

Mitchell Technical Institute is offering an SLP/SLPA workshop in Rapid City on April 20.

They are also offering our SLP Continuing Education day on April 27 at MTI.

IEP-Q Training: May 10, 2018 at Mitchell Technical Institute

The IEP-Q system allows general and special education teachers to collaboratively align IEP goals to the standards. This training will allow participants to train others on the IEP-Q system.

SDMyLife Next Generation

The next generation of SDMyLife is coming soon! Starting in the fall of 2018, SDMyLife will be supported by a new platform, called Xello! To learn more about this new platform, register for a SDMyLife: Next Generation training by using the following links.

Rapid City – May 30, 2018

Mitchell – May 31, 2018

Sioux Falls – June 1, 2018

SAVE THE DATES

IEPQ Train the Trainer

May 10, 2018 Time and Location will be determined.

South Dakota Educator’s Institute

July 16-20, 2018—University Center, Sioux Falls

This Institute will be a combination of the former TSLP Summer Institute, and the former Autism Conference and Summer Institute Rejuvenation for K-12 Educators, both hosted by the Center for Disabilities. More information coming soon.

NORTHERN PLAINS LAW CONFERENCE

When: September 24-26

Where: Rapid City, SD

Registration will open Spring 2018!

K-3 Foundational Reading Course

Dates: July 31, August 1 and Oct. 3—

Location: Ft. Pierre/ Drifters Event Center

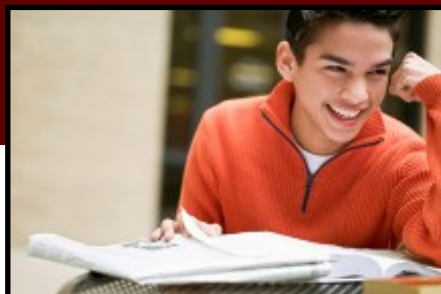
3 Day Training Focus: On the five main literacy skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension.

4-8th Grade Foundational Reading Course

Dates: August 7 & 8—Location: Ft. Pierre/ Drifters Event Center

2 Day Training Focus: On the big 5 (fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics).

Questions on either of these classes, please contact: Teresa.Berndt@state.sd.us



Sped Program Feature Presentation

This month, the National Center on Improving Literacy launched Kid Zone! The site was created with kids and families in mind. The site allows students to listen to audio and video books, play literacy apps and games, and read books at their level. It also features the Kid Zone! exclusive comic book: Adventures in Reading, featuring Kayla, a student with dyslexia as she navigates through school and overcomes challenges in reading. In addition, the site is a place where families can connect with each other. Check out the Kid Zone! and the other great resources available from the National Center on Improving Literacy.

